

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Lothar Finzel, et al.  
 Appl No.: To Be Assigned  
 Filed: Concurrently Herewith  
 For: FIBER OPTIC INSTALLATION

JC978 U.S. PRO  
 10/05/1597  
 01/16/02



January 18, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, DC 20231

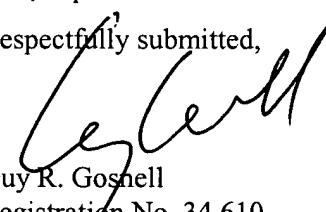
**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
 CITATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97**

Sir:

Attached is a list of documents on form PTO-1449. It is requested that the Examiner consider these documents and officially make them of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP. By submitting the listed documents, Applicant in no way makes any admission as to the prior art status of the listed documents, but is instead submitting the listed documents for the sake of full disclosure.

No items are attached since they were supplied in parent Application No. 09/068,286 filed May 6, 1998. Since the benefit of this application was claimed under 35 U.S.C. 120, no copies need to be furnished in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d); however, copies will be furnished on request.

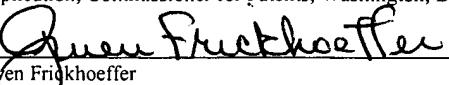
Respectfully submitted,

  
 Guy R. Goshell  
 Registration No. 34,610

**Customer No. 00826**  
**ALSTON & BIRD LLP**  
 Bank of America Plaza  
 101 South Tryon Street, Suite 4000  
 Charlotte, NC 28280-4000  
 Tel Charlotte Office (704) 444-1000  
 Fax Charlotte Office (704) 444-1111

"Express Mail" Mailing Label Number EV 034188248 US  
 Date of Deposit: January 18, 2002

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Box Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

  
 Gwen Frickhoeffer

CLT01/4515844v1

**INFORMATION  
DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 2 Attorney Docket Number 44316/242361

JC978 U.S. PRO  
10/05/1597

01/18/02

**U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant Of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages of Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
	1	3,722,225		Empson	03/1973	
	2	3,952,532		Spearman	04-1976	
	3	4,063,429		Wilson	12-1977	
	4	4,395,834		Davison	08-02-1983	
	5	4,464,082		Isaacs	08/1984	
	6	4,785,559		Hentschel	11/1988	
	7	4,812,078		Rivard	03-1989	
	8	5,467,420		Rohrmann, et al.	11/1995	

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Office <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>				
	9	DE	27 35 079	A1	Hughes Aircraft Co.	03-02-1978	*
	10	DE	30 01 226	A1	ITT Austria GmbH	08-07-1980	*
	11	DE	41 15 907	A1	Siemens AG	11-19-1992	*
	12	DE	42 03 718	A1	ANT Nachrichtentechnik GmbH	08-12-1993	*
	13	DE	84 22 532	U1	Peter Lancier Maschinenbau-Hafenhusse GmbH & Co KG	01-31-1985	
	14	DE	37 10 038	A1	Siegfried Golz KG	10-20-1988	*
	15	WO	91/12119	A1	Schonstedt Instrument Company	08-22-1991	
	16	WO	92/13227	A1	Tamaqua Cable Products Corporation	08-06-1992	

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------

\*Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Unique citation designation number.<sup>2</sup> See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents.<sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3).<sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.<sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible.<sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place an "X" here if English language Translation is attached.

<p>Substitute for form 1449A/PTO</p> <p><b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b></p> <p>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</p>				<b>Complete if Known</b>	
				Application Number	To Be Assigned
				Filing Date	Concurrently Herewith
				First Named Inventor	Lothar Finzel, et al.
				Group Art Unit	
				Examiner Name	
Sheet	2	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	44316/242361

#### U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>7</sup>	U.S. Patent Document Number	Kind Code <sup>8</sup> (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant Of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages of Relevant Figures Appear

#### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document Office <sup>9</sup> <sup>11</sup> Number <sup>10</sup>	Kind Code (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>12</sup>
	17	EP	0 553 991	A1 American Telephone and Telegraph Company	08-04-1993		
	18	FR	2677137	A1 Alcatel Cable	12-04-1992		*
	19	JP	57195206		NEC Corp.	11-30-1982	*
	20	JP	61107306		OBA Masaharu	05-26-1986	*
	21	JP	06109931		Sumitomo Electric Ind Ltd	04-22-1994	*
	22	JP	08136780		Sumitomo Electric Ind Ltd	05-31-1996	*
	23	JP	03102231		Fujikura Ltd	04-26-1991	*
	24	JP	08103012		Consec:KK; Nippon Hume Pipe Co Ltd	04-16-1996	*
	25	JP	60014208		Furukawa Electric Co Ltd	01-24-1985	*
				*ABSTRACT ONLY			
Examiner Signature					Date Considered		

\*Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

CLT01/4515785v1

<sup>7</sup> Unique citation designation number.

<sup>8</sup> See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents.

<sup>9</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3).

<sup>10</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

<sup>11</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible.

<sup>12</sup> Applicant is to place an "X" here if English language Translation is attached.